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Applicant(s): Zack et al.

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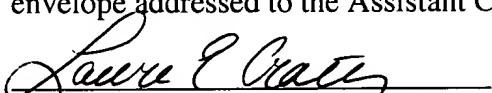
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING IN-BAND MESSAGING  
WITHIN A VIDEO ON DEMAND ENVIRONMENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please preliminarily amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1-10 and insert instead the following new  
claims:

~~--11. In an information distribution system comprising server equipment providing content to subscriber equipment via a communications channel, server apparatus comprising:~~

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